

Title: GARMENT WITH CONVERTIBLE ORNAMENTATION

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BACKGROUND

Field of the Invention

5 The present invention relates to wearing apparel. More particularly, this invention pertains to a garment capable of assuming a number of appearances through interchange of ornamentation.

Description of the Prior Art

10 Certain garments are routinely enhanced by addition of ornamentation. Included among these are the "basic" denim jeans. Historically, such garment was first enhanced with rivets. Since then, numerous baubles and the like have been employed to spice up its look.

15 Gems, metallic medallions and leather trim are among the types of ornamentation that have adorned jeans and other garments. Often, such accoutrements add significantly to the price of the apparel. In fact, it is not at all unusual for such devices to account for the
20 majority of the cost of an item.

Typically, the type of ornamentation fixed to the basic garment has a limited fashion shelf life making

it not at all unusual for a purchaser to discard an otherwise perfectly-wearable garment due changes in fashion trends or, for that matter, boredom with the initially attractive look of the garment.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention address the preceding and other shortcomings of the prior art by providing a garment that includes an adjoined pair of pant legs. Each of the pant legs has an inner surface and an outer surface and includes an outer perimeter and an inner perimeter. At least one of the pant legs has an elongated aperture.

The foregoing and other features of the invention will become further apparent from the detailed description that follows. Such description is accompanied by a set of drawing figures. Numerals of the drawing figures, corresponding to those of the written description, point to the features of the invention with like numerals referring to like features throughout both the written description and the drawing figures.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a frontal view of a garment for receiving ornamentation in accordance with the invention;

Figures 2(a) through 2(c) are a series of views for illustrating a brass rivet ornament in accordance with the invention;

Figures 3(a) and 3(b) are side elevation and top planar views of a button ornament in accordance with the invention;

Figures 4(a) and 4(b) are perspective views of scarf and fringe decorative devices, respectively, in accordance with the invention;

Figure 5 is a frontal view of a garment bearing ornamentation in accordance with the invention;

Figures 6(a) and 6(b) are front planar views of holder ornaments in accordance with the invention;

Figures 7(a) and 7(b) are perspective views of the holder ornaments of the prior figures with decorative devices affixed thereto; and

Figures 8(a) and 8(b) are frontal views of garments in accordance with the invention with ornamentation affixed thereto.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Turning now to the drawings, Figure 1 is a frontal view of a garment 10 for receiving ornamentation in accordance with the invention. The garment 10 comprises an otherwise-conventional pair of pants, such as denim jeans, that includes a pair of pant legs 12, 14. It differs from a conventional pair of pants, in part, by the inclusion of a series of substantially-horizontal apertures 12' and 14' positioned in spaced vertical relationship adjacent the outer perimeters or seams of the pant legs 12 and 14 respectively.

As will be seen below, each of the apertures 12' and 14' is provided for selective removable attachment of ornamentation for enhancing the appearance of the garment 10. As mentioned above, the useful fashion life of a garment is often significantly less than its functional lifetime. In the invention, the apertures 12', 14' and their locations relative to the garment 10 provides a means for ready re-design of the garment 10 by providing points of attachment of replaceable items of ornamentation.

Figures 2(a) through 2(c) are a series of views for illustrating a brass rivet ornament 16 in accordance

with the invention. The rivet 16 includes a rivet face 18 as illustrated in frontal view in Figure 2(a) and a back button 20 as illustrated in Figure 2(b) that are threadedly joined in opposed spaced relation as illustrated by the side elevation view of the assembled ornament 16 as illustrated in Figure 2(c).

The use of a back button 20 will be understood to be common to subsequent examples of ornamentation to be described. This element serves to anchor ornamental elements to the garment 10. Such ornaments are removable affixed to the garment 10 by sliding the associated back button through one the substantially horizontal apertures 12' and 14'. After passage through an aperture to the interior of a pant leg, the back button is rotated to an attitude substantially parallel to the inner surface of the pant leg to thereby anchor the ornamental feature, to which it is threadedly engaged, to the outer surface.

Figures 3(a) and 3(b) are side elevation and top planar views of a button ornament in accordance with the invention. The ornament includes a rounded dome 22 of plastic or metallic composition. A loop 24 is fixed to the backside 26 of the button ornament for receiving the thread that joins the button ornament to an associated

back button (not shown). The back button is substantially identical to the back button 20 of Figure 2(b) and serves a like purpose, namely to anchor the button ornament to the garment 10.

5 The button ornament may be employed by itself as ornamentation. Alternatively, it may be employed to secure a decorative device to the garment 10. Each is attachable to the garment 10 by means of an associated button ornament 28 as illustrated in Figures 3(a) and 3(b)
10 as shown. It is to be noted that the fringe 32 illustrated in Figure 4(b) is generally-elongated with a plurality of button ornaments 28 arranged along its length. It will be seen that the arrangement of a plurality of fastener devices along the length of a
15 generally-elongated decorative device enables the decorative engagement of such a device by engagement with the vertically-spaced apertures 12', 14' of the garment 10.

 Such an arrangement of an elongated decorative
20 device is illustrated in Figure 5, a frontal view of a garment 34 bearing an elongated decorative device in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. Chains 36 are secured to the garment 34 by means of pluralities of

button ornaments 38 to give the give the garment 34 a
stunning look. The chains may be of metal, such as gold
or silver, or plastic fabrication enabling a wide range of
appearances and impressions. Due to the replaceable
5 nature of ornamentation in accordance with the present
invention -no more complicated than buttoning and
unbuttoning a shirt- all options are readily available to
the garment owner. This, or course, greatly enhances the
fashion life of a garment in accordance with the
10 invention.

Figures 6(a) and 6(b) are front planar views of
holder ornaments 40 and 42 in accordance with the
invention. As in the case of the button ornament
15 discussed above, each holder ornament is decorative in
itself and capable of enhancing the appearance of a
garment in accordance with the invention by itself. The
holder ornament 40 of Figure 6(a) includes a periphery 44
defining a star shape. The interior of the ornament 40
20 comprises a region that includes parallel cutouts 46 and
48 with spacing therebetween defining a bar. A pair of
holes 50 is provided within the bar for receiving a length
of thread for securing the holder ornament 40 to a back
button. A like arrangement pertains to the holder
25 ornament 42 of Figure 6(b) which differs materially from

that of Figure 6(a) only insofar as its generally-circular periphery 52 is of undulating character. Holder ornamentation in accordance with the invention may be of metallic, wood, leather, plastic or like fabrication.

5 Figures 7(a) and 7(b) are perspective views that illustrate the operation of the holder ornaments 40 and 42 of the prior figures with free-flowing decorative devices affixed thereto. If Figure 7(a), the star-shaped holder ornament 40 is seen to secure strips 54 that may comprise
10 suede or other leather including gems 56 affixed thereto while the generally-circular holder ornament 42 of Figure 7(b) secures plain leather strips 58. It should be noted that the invention is not limited to the type of free-flowing decorative devices illustrated in Figures 7(a) and
15 7(b). Rather, any free flowing decorative device capable of being secured by means of a central bar of a holder ornament is suitable for use in a garment in accordance with the invention.

 Figures 8(a) and 8(b) are frontal views of
20 distinctly-ornamented garments 60 and 62 in accordance with the invention. As shown in Figure 8(a) free flowing decoration in the form of leather strips 63 is fixed to each of the legs 64, 66 of the garment 60 while

decorations of different characters are fixed to the legs 68 and 70 of the garment 62. In particular, an elongated lace ruffle 72 is fixed to the leg 68 by means of a plurality of button ornaments inserted into the vertically-spaced apertures of the leg 68. In contrast, free-flowing faux fur strips 74, each secured by means of a star-shaped holder ornament, are fixed to the leg 70. As can be seen, the invention allows the user to design an almost-limitless variety of personalized arrangements.

Thus it is seen that the present invention provides a garment that is readily capable of assuming a number of appearances. By following the teachings of the invention, one may enjoy a garment throughout its useful functional life by varying its appearance in accordance with fashion style and the user's whims.

While this invention has been presented with reference to its presently-preferred embodiment, its scope is not limited thereto. Rather, this invention is limited only insofar as it is defined by the following set of patent claims and includes within its scope all equivalents thereof.